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SUBJECT: GEORGES RIZKALLAH BUSTANI

REF: STATE 14585

RIZKALLAH, PHILIP, AND ZAIM ARE SONS OF LATE GEORGES BOUSTANY, FOUNDER OF GEORGES R. BOUSTANY & FILS, ONE OF OLDEST SYRIAN FIRMS IN COTTON GINNING AND AUTO AND TIRE BUSINESS. BUSINESS NATIONALIZED IN 1966 BY SYRIAN AUTHORITIES. DUE TO POLITICAL REASONS AND PRESSURE FROM SYRIAN REGIME, FIRM OBLIGED LIQUIDATE ITS BUSINESS IN BEIRUT IN 1970 WHICH WAS CARRIED ON UNDER NAME GEORGES R. BOUSTANY & FILS. HOWEVER, THREE BOUSTANY BROTHERS CONTINUE OPERATE IN LEBANON UNDER DIFFERENT FIRM NAMES OWNED PARTIALLY BY THEM BUT REGISTERED AS OWNED BY THEIR RELATIVES. FIRMS HANDLE IMPORT AND SALES IN LEBANON OF SKODA PASSENGER CARE AND KELLY AND YOKOHAMA TIRES AND TUBES. ALSO DOING BUSINESS IN SYRIA THROUGH AFFILIATES AS THEY STILL HAVE GOOD CONTACTS THERE. THEY STATED TO EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED SYRIAN PRESIDENT'S AGREEMENT THAT THEY CAN RETURN DOING BUSINESS IN OWN NAME IN SYRIA

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IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS. NO INFORMATION IS LOCALLY AVAIL-

ABLE COVERING THEIR FINANCIAL STANDING DUE TO THE FACT  
THAT THEY OPERATE UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES.  
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